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Dear Dr. Lederberg

In view of the fact that two subjects of fundamental importance and interest these days, radiobiology and molecular biology, really have so much in common, but have, in fact, been pursuing rather separate paths, the National Research Council Committee on Radiobiology is setting up a conference for the purpose of a discussion exchange between radiation biologists and what are very generally called molecular biologists.

The Gould House has been reserved for the three days December 2, 3 and 4, 1959 and a conference of about twenty four individuals is being set up.

As Chairman of the committee which is arranging this conference, I would very much like to invite you to attend. The procedure we plan will be quite informal. Any material on any work you would like to present and which is illustrated by slides could be presented at the time, but this is not a condition for attending. When we have the full roster of people who are accepting we may approach you with a request to lead one of the discussion sessions.

It is our hope that the proceedings will be quite informal and prove the possibility of coordinated research between radiation study and molecular biology.

It is expected that the meat of the conference will be published in some informal monograph form, but the exact procedure for doing this has not yet been determined. Expenses for travel will be paid and any expenses incurred during the stay at Gould House will also be covered.

This is then, once again a cordial invitation to you to attend the conference. More details and plans will be sent to you when we receive what we hope will be your acceptance.

Yours sincerely,



Ernest C. Pollard